

# 3. Hardware

## 3.3 Data storage

### Marking Scheme

Q1)

1 mark per device, 1 mark per category

Description of storage device	Name of storage device	Category of storage		
		Primary	Secondary	Off-line
optical media which uses one spiral track; red lasers are used to read and write data on the media surface; makes use of dual-layering technology to increase the storage capacity	DVD			✓
non-volatile memory chip; contents of the chip cannot be altered; it is often used to store the start-up routines in a computer (e.g. the BIOS)	ROM	✓		
optical media which uses concentric tracks to store the data; this allows read and write operations to be carried out at the same time	DVD-RAM	✓		(✓)
non-volatile memory device that uses NAND flash memories (which consist of millions of transistors wired in series on single circuit boards)	Solid State Drive/memory (SSD)		✓	
	(SD/XD card) (USB storage device)			(✓)
optical media that uses blue laser technology to read and write data on the media surface; it uses a single 1.1 mm polycarbonate disc	Blue-ray			✓

[10]

Q2)

**(a) RAM**

- contains instructions/program/data currently in use

**ROM**any **one** from:

- contains the start-up/bootstrap program
- contains/stores the setting for frequency (can't be changed)

**Solid state drive**

- stores the instructions/program/data (to operate the car) [3]

**(b)** 1 mark for device and 1 mark for corresponding reason**Device:**

- touch screen
- key pad (NOT keyboard)

**Reason:**

- easy to use interface
- limited number of options
- small space/space is limited
- other devices such as mouse, keyboard, trackball, ... not suitable [2]

**(c)** Any **two** from:

- A solid state drive has no moving parts
- A solid state drive has faster random access
- A solid state drive has a quick start up/shut down time (reduced latency)
- A solid state drive is very small
- A solid state drive is very light
- A solid state drive consumes very little power
- A solid state drive does not generate a lot of heat (therefore safer in this application) [2]

Q3)

- (a)** – Memory card/SSD/HDD/magnetic tape  
– Suitable description of device given [2]

**(b)** 2 hours = 120 minutes

$$120 \times 180 = 21\,600$$

$$21\,600 / 1024 \text{ (or } 21\,600 / 1000)$$

$$= \mathbf{21.1 \text{ GB (or } 21.6 \text{ GB)}}$$

(1 mark for correct answer and 1 mark for correct calculation) [2]

Q4)

(a) 1 mark for each correct row

	Single track	Many concentric tracks	Blue laser used to read/write data	Red laser used to read/write data	
DVD-RW	✓			✓	1 mark
DVD-RAM		✓		✓	1 mark
CD-ROM	✓			✓	1 mark
Blu-ray disc	✓		✓		1 mark

[4]

(b) (i) Any **three** from:

- don't need to "get up to speed" to work properly/no latency
- lower/less power consumption/more energy efficient
- run cooler
- run quieter
- data access is faster
- occupies less physical space/more compact
- lighter, so more suitable for a portable computer/laptop
- no moving parts so more reliable/durable in a portable computer/laptop

[3]

(ii) Any **two** from:

- HDD is cheaper for larger amounts of storage space
- HDD has greater longevity for read/write functions
- Expensive to change the technology // HDD are trusted technology
- No requirement for the increased speed of SSD

[2]

Q5)

1 mark for each correct storage device

ROM (not EPROM/PROM)
Blu-ray disc
RAM
DVD/ DVD-R(+R)/ DVD-RW(+RW)/ DVD-ROM (not CD or DVD-RAM)
SSD/example of a USB <u>storage device</u>
DVD-RAM

[6]

Q6)

Any **four** from:

- reaches maximum brightness quickly
- colours are vivid
- good colour definition/contrast can be achieved
- screens can be thinner/thin
- more reliable as LED's are long lasting
- consume very little/less energy

[4]

Q7)

Question	Answer	Marks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>∞ Secondary</li> <li>∞ HDD/SSD</li> <li>∞ SSD/HDD</li> <li>∞ Primary</li> <li>∞ ROM/RAM</li> <li>∞ RAM/ROM</li> </ul>	<b>6</b>

Q8)

Question	Answer	Marks
	<p>2 marks for each type of storage</p> <p><b>Primary storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>∞ RAM</li><li>∞ ROM</li></ul> <p><b>Secondary storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>∞ hard disk drive (HDD)</li><li>∞ solid state drive (SSD)</li></ul> <p><b>Off-line storage e.g.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>∞ CD</li><li>∞ DVD</li><li>∞ Blu-ray</li><li>∞ Flash memory // USB storage</li><li>∞ <u>removable</u> / <u>external</u> / <u>portable</u> hard disk drive (HDD/SSD)</li><li>∞ SD card</li></ul>	<b>6</b>

Q9)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– (Red) laser is used</li> <li>– (Laser beams) shines onto surface of the disk</li> <li>– It is rotated (at a constant speed) to be read</li> <li>– Surface is covered in a track (that spirals from the centre)</li> <li>– Data is represented on the surface using pits and lands</li> <li>– Pits and lands represent binary values</li> <li>– Pits reflect light back differently (to the area in between/land)</li> <li>– Optical device can determine the binary value from the light reflection</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>
(b)	1 mark for calculation, 1 mark for correct answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <math>1000 \times 16</math></li> <li>– <math>16000/8</math></li> <li>– Answer is <b>2000</b> bytes</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
(c)	<b>Four</b> from: (Max 2 for either primary or secondary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Primary RAM and ROM</li> <li>– Secondary HDD and SSD</li> <li>– Primary is directly accessible by CPU</li> <li>– Secondary is not directly accessible by CPU</li> <li>– Primary is internal to computer</li> <li>– Secondary can be internal <b>or</b> external to the computer</li> <li>– Primary stores boot up instructions <b>and</b> can hold data whilst being processed</li> <li>– Secondary stores files/software</li> <li>– Primary has faster access speed</li> <li>– Secondary has a slower access speed</li> <li>– Primary has both volatile <b>and</b> non-volatile</li> <li>– Secondary is non-volatile</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Q10)

Question	Answer	Marks
	1 mark for each correct category: <i>HDD</i> – Secondary <i>RAM</i> – Primary <i>ROM</i> – Primary <i>CD-ROM</i> – Off-line <i>SSD</i> – Secondary <i>DVD-RAM</i> – Off-line	<b>6</b>

Q11)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	1 mark for correct calculation method, 1 mark for correct answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>∞ 2048/1024 (or <math>1024 \times 2</math>)</li> <li>∞ 2 GB</li> </ul>	2
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>α Instructions/programs/data</li> <li>∞ ... currently in use</li> </ul>	2
(c)	Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>∞ RAM is volatile, ROM is non-volatile</li> <li>∞ RAM is temporary, ROM is (semi) permanent</li> <li>∞ RAM normally has a larger capacity than ROM</li> <li>∞ RAM can be edited ROM cannot be edited // Data can be read from and written to RAM, ROM can only be read from.</li> </ul>	3

Q12)

Question	Answer	Marks
	Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Optical media</li> <li>– Non-volatile</li> <li>– Offline</li> <li>– Single (continuous spiral) track</li> <li>– Data stored using lands / pits</li> <li>– Read using (red) lasers</li> <li>– Can be read only (R) or read write (RW)</li> </ul>	3

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(a)	<div>1 mark for the correct tick for each storage</div> <table><thead><tr><th>Storage device or media</th><th>Primary (✓)</th><th>Secondary (✓)</th><th>Off-line (✓)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>External HDD</td><td></td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>RAM</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Internal SSD</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>ROM</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>DVD</td><td></td><td></td><td>✓</td></tr></tbody></table>	Storage device or media	Primary (✓)	Secondary (✓)	Off-line (✓)	External HDD			✓	RAM	✓			Internal SSD		✓		ROM	✓			DVD			✓	5
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(c)(ii)	<div><b>Two</b> from:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>∞ It has no moving parts so will be durable</li><li>∞ It is small/compact so it can be easily fit onto the device</li><li>∞ It is light so it will not be difficult to lift for the drone</li><li>∞ It can hold the large amount of data needed for the video/film footage</li><li>∞ Uses less power so drone battery will last longer</li></ul>	2																								

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(c)	<p><b>Two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>∞ Non-volatile storage</li> <li>∞ Storage that can be disconnected/removed from the computer</li> <li>∞ Any suitable example</li> <li>∞ Must be (physically) connected to computer to obtain stored data</li> <li>∞ Used to store files as a backup</li> </ul>	2												

Q15)

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(a)	<p><b>Four</b> from (max 2 marks per improvement):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the password require more characters</li> <li>• Makes the password harder to crack/guess</li> <li>• More possible combinations for the password</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the password require different types of characters</li> <li>• Makes the password harder to crack/guess</li> <li>• More possible combinations for the password</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a biometric device</li> <li>• Hard to fake a person's biological data // data is <b>unique</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-step verification // Two factor-authentication</li> <li>• Adds an additional level to hack</li> <li>• Have to have the set device for the code to receive it</li> <li>• Drop-down boxes // onscreen keyboard</li> <li>• To prevent passwords being obtained using keylogger</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request random characters</li> <li>• Won't reveal entire password</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set number of password attempts</li> <li>• Will lock account if attempting to guess</li> <li>• Will stop brute-force attacks</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

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(b)	<p><b>Four</b> from (max 3 marks for benefits only, without an explanation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More read/write cycles (over its lifetime) // greater longevity ...</li> <li>• ... likely to be a lot of read/write functions each day</li> <li>• Read/write speed is sufficient ...</li> <li>• ... even though it is slower than solid-state</li> <li>• Cheaper <b>per unit of data</b> stored ...</li> <li>• ... better value for the company to purchase</li> <li>• ... so the law company can afford to buy a server with greater storage capacity</li> <li>• No requirement for portability ...</li> <li>• ... as a server, it does not need to be moved</li> <li>• Trusted technology ...</li> <li>• ... it has been traditionally used for many years</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DVD</li> <li>• CD</li> <li>• Blu-ray</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

Q16)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	<b>Two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– It is non-volatile</li> <li>– Can be easily disconnected from the computer</li> <li>– It is not directly accessed by the CPU</li> <li>– Suitable example e.g. CD, DVD, USB flash memory</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
(b)(i)	<b>One</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ROM</li> <li>– RAM</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
(b)(ii)	<b>Two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– HDD</li> <li>– SSD</li> <li>– Flash memory</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>

Q17)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	<b>Two</b> from e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <u>DVD</u> uses red <b>laser</b>/light whereas <u>blu-ray</u> uses <b>blue</b>/violet laser/light</li> <li>– <u>DVD</u> has a <b>smaller</b> (storage) capacity // <u>Blu-ray</u> has a <b>larger</b> (storage) capacity</li> <li>– <u>DVD</u> has <b>two layers</b> (of polycarbonate) whereas <u>Blu-ray</u> disks have a <b>single layer</b> (of polycarbonate)</li> <li>– <u>DVD</u> has a <b>slower transfer</b> rate (of approximately 10 mbps) // <u>Blu-ray</u> has a <b>faster transfer</b> rate (of approximately 36 mbps)</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
(b)(i)	2 marks for any two correct stages of working, 1 mark for correct answer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <math>500 * 300 * 10 // 150\,000 * 10</math></li> <li>– <math>* 8</math> then <math>\div 8</math> (anywhere in the process)</li> <li>– <math>1\,500\,000 \div 1024 \div 1024 // 1\,500\,000 \div 1\,048\,576</math></li> <li>– <math>= 1.43\text{ MB}</math></li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
(b)(ii)	<b>Four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Rollers</b> are used to move the paper through the printer</li> <li>– <b>Nozzles</b> spray/drop/jet ink onto the paper</li> <li>– Ink jets/print head/nozzles are moved across the paper (to distribute the ink)</li> <li>– Different colour inks are mixed to create required colours</li> <li>– Technology could be piezoelectric</li> <li>– Technology could be thermal bubble</li> <li>– <b>Ink</b> is heated</li> <li>– ... and expands/evaporates into a bubble</li> <li>– Bubble is pushed through the nozzle on to the paper</li> <li>– ... then the bubble collapses</li> <li>– Electrical current is applied to a crystal</li> <li>– ... which makes it vibrate</li> <li>– ... which forces a droplet of ink through the nozzle</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Q18)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	<b>RAM</b> ∞ To store the data / instructions / parts of OS that are currently in use <b>ROM</b> ∞ To store the firmware / bootup instructions / BIOS <b>SSD</b> ∞ To store files / software // by example	3
(b)	<b>Two</b> from: ∞ It is more durable // it has no moving parts ∞ It has a faster read / write / access speed ∞ It is more compact / light weight / smaller / portable ∞ It uses less energy // battery will last longer ∞ It is quieter ∞ Not affected by magnetic forces ∞ It runs at a cooler temperature ∞ Less latency // takes less time to warm up	2

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(b)	Any <b>two</b> from: – CD (drive) – DVD (drive) – Blu-ray (drive)	2																					

Q20)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stock control system has a database of stock</li> <li>– Each product has a (unique) barcode</li> <li>– Barcode is scanned, and product looked up in database</li> <li>– Stock levels for product are reduced (by 1)</li> <li>– Stock is checked against minimum level</li> <li>– If stock at/below minimum level an order is placed</li> <li>– When stock is re-ordered flag is reset</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– It has RAM to store the data / programs / by example <b>currently in use</b></li> <li>– It has ROM to permanently store the boot up instructions</li> <li>– It has HDD to store the stock database / software / OS / by example</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
(c)	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MAR</li> <li>– MDR</li> <li>– PC</li> <li>– ALU</li> <li>– CU</li> <li>– ACC</li> <li>– CIR</li> <li>– Buses</li> <li>– Registers</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Q21)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	<p>Any <b>three</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Loss of power/electricity</li> <li>– Spillage of liquids</li> <li>– Flood</li> <li>– Fire</li> <li>– Human error</li> <li>– Hardware failure</li> <li>– Software failure</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Three different types of human error can be awarded e.g. accidental deletion, not saving data, incorrect shutdown procedure</p>	<b>3</b>
(a)(ii)	– Create a backup	<b>1</b>
(b)	<p>Max <b>three</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Solid state drive</li> <li>– Non-volatile</li> <li>– Secondary storage</li> <li>– Flash memory</li> <li>– Has no mechanical/moving parts</li> <li>– Uses transistors</li> <li>– ... and cells that are laid out in a grid</li> <li>– Uses control gates and floating gates</li> <li>– Can be NAND/NOR (technology)</li> <li>– Use EEPROM technology</li> </ul> <p>Max <b>two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stores data by flashing it onto the chips</li> <li>– Data stored by controlling the flow of electrons <b>through/using transistors/chips/gates</b></li> <li>– The electric current reaches the control gate and flows through to the floating gate to be stored</li> <li>– When data is stored the transistor is converted from 1 to 0</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Question	Answer				Marks
(c)	One mark for each correct row:				6
	Statement	Blu-ray (✓)	CD (✓)	DVD (✓)	
	A type of optical storage	✓	✓	✓	
	Has the largest storage capacity	✓			
	Can be dual layer	✓		✓	
	Read using a red laser		✓	✓	
	Has the smallest storage capacity		✓		
	Stores data in a spiral track	✓	✓	✓	

Q22)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	Any <b>three</b> from: – Both need a <b>red</b> laser to read/write data – Both are spun to be read – Both use spiral tracks for data – Both are optical storage – Both are off-line storage // both non-volatile – Both use pits and lands to store data	<b>3</b>
(b)	Any <b>one</b> from: – DVD can be dual layer, but CD can only be single – DVD has higher storage capacity – DVD has a shorter wavelength laser – DVD are spun faster – DVDs have a higher data transfer rate	<b>1</b>

Q23)

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(a)	Any <b>three</b> from: – Keyboard – Mouse – Microphone – Keypad – Touchscreen – Touchpad	<b>3</b>

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(b)(i)	<p>Any <b>one</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Hard disk drive // HDD</li><li>– Magnetic tape</li></ul>	1																												

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(b)(ii)	Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– CD</li> <li>– DVD</li> <li>– Blu-ray disk</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
(b)(iii)	<b>One</b> for type of storage, <b>two</b> for matching justification from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Magnetic // HDD</li> <li>– (Web server) is likely to receive many requests a day</li> <li>– (Web server) will likely need to store a lot of data and magnetic is high capacity</li> <li>– Magnetic is <b>cheaper</b> to buy for <b>storage per unit</b> than solid state</li> <li>– Magnetic is capable of more of read/write requests <b>over time</b> // has more <b>longevity</b> // SSD has more limited number of read/write requests (before it is no longer usable)</li> <li>– No requirement for it to be portable, so moving parts does not matter</li> <li>– Solid-state // SSD</li> <li>– (Web server) is likely to receive many requests a day</li> <li>– (Web server) will likely need to store a lot of data and solid-state is high capacity</li> <li>– Solid-state is more energy efficient</li> <li>– Solid-state runs cooler so will not overheat</li> <li>– Solid state has faster read/write speeds to handle volume of traffic</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
(c)	Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Data is flashed onto (silicon) chips</li> <li>– Uses NAND/NOR technology // can use flip-flops</li> <li>– Uses transistors/control gates/floating gates ...</li> <li>– ... to control the flow of electrons</li> <li>– It is a type of EEPROM technology</li> <li>– When data is stored the transistor is converted from 1 to 0 / 0 to 1</li> <li>– Writes (and reads) sequentially</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

Q25)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	<b>One</b> mark per correct storage, <b>two</b> marks for justification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Secondary</li> <li>– It is non-volatile storage</li> <li>– It is not directly accessed by the CPU</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
(b)	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Uses flash memory</li> <li>– Data is flashed onto (silicon) chips</li> <li>– Uses NAND/NOR technology // Can use flip-flops</li> <li>– Uses transistors/control gates/floating gates ...</li> <li>– ... to control the flow of electrons</li> <li>– It is a type of EEPROM technology</li> <li>– When data is stored the transistor is converted from 1 to 0 / 0 to 1</li> <li>– Writes (and reads) sequentially</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Q26)

Question	Answer	Marks
(b)(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Router</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
(b)(ii)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A collection of servers</li> <li>• ... that store data in a remote location // that allows data to be accessed remotely</li> <li>• ... that are (normally) accessed using an internet connection</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
(b)(iii)	Any <b>one</b> from: e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be <b>less</b> secure // by example</li> <li>• May lose access to them if internet connection lost/not available</li> <li>• Reliant on a third party maintaining the hardware // by example</li> <li>• Could incur an extra/ongoing fee/cost</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>

Q27)

Question	Answer	Marks
	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The secondary storage / hard drive can be partitioned to create the virtual memory</li> <li>• ... and page B sent to the virtual memory ...</li> <li>• ... which makes space for page D in RAM</li> <li>• ... Once page A / C / D / another page is not required / has been processed</li> <li>• ... page B can be sent from the virtual memory back to RAM when it is required</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>

Q28)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Data is stored on platters</li> <li>– (Platters) are divided into tracks and sectors</li> <li>– Has components that are spun</li> <li>– Data is read/written using a read/write arm</li> <li>– Data is read/written using electromagnets</li> <li>– Magnetic field determines the binary value</li> <li>– It is non-volatile</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
(b)	Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Flashes data onto chips</li> <li>– Uses transistors</li> <li>– Uses NAND/NOR technology</li> <li>– Uses control gates</li> <li>– Uses flow gates</li> <li>– Controls the flow of electrons</li> <li>– It can be volatile or non-volatile</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>
(c)	<b>One</b> mark for an example in each storage type e.g.: Magnetic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– HDD</li> <li>– Magnetic tape</li> <li>– Floppy disk</li> <li>– Magnetic strip</li> </ul> Solid state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– SSD</li> <li>– USB drive</li> <li>– SD card</li> <li>– RAM</li> </ul> Optical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– CD</li> <li>– DVD</li> <li>– Blu-ray</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

Q29)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)(i)	– C	<b>1</b>
(a)(ii)	Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Directly accessed by the CPU</li> <li>– Has both volatile and non-volatile storage</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
(b)	<b>One</b> mark for each correct term in the correct order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Random access memory (RAM)</li> <li>– Hard disk drive (HDD)</li> <li>– Pages</li> <li>– Random access memory (RAM)</li> <li>– Virtual memory // Hard disk drive (HDD)</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>

Q30)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	– B	1
(b)	<b>Four</b> from e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The data can be accessed from any location</li> <li>– ... meaning that employees can work from anywhere with a connection</li> <li>– The <b>hardware</b> is <b>owned/maintained</b> by a <b>third party</b></li> <li>– ... meaning that the company are not responsible for maintaining // meaning the company aren't responsible for its security</li> <li>– Can increase the storage needed easily</li> <li>– ... without needing to buy new hardware</li> <li>– Do not need to house the hardware needed</li> <li>– ... costs can be saved on the space saved for this</li> <li>– Cloud system will back up the data</li> <li>– ... meaning the company does not need to do this</li> </ul>	4
(c)	<b>Two</b> from e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <u>Internet</u> connection is needed/needs to be stable ...</li> <li>– ... and if this is not available/unstable the data cannot be accessed</li> <li>– Employees could be pressured to work outside of hours ...</li> <li>– ... as they can access the data from any location</li> </ul>	2

Q31)

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(a)	<p><b>One</b> mark for each correct type:</p> <table><tr><th>Type of secondary storage</th><th>Statement</th></tr><tr><td>optical</td><td>data is stored using pits and lands</td></tr><tr><td>solid-state</td><td>data is stored using control gates and floating gates</td></tr><tr><td>magnetic</td><td>data is stored using electromagnets</td></tr><tr><td>optical</td><td>data is stored using a laser</td></tr><tr><td>magnetic</td><td>data is stored on a platter that is divided into tracks and sectors</td></tr></table>	Type of secondary storage	Statement	optical	data is stored using pits and lands	solid-state	data is stored using control gates and floating gates	magnetic	data is stored using electromagnets	optical	data is stored using a laser	magnetic	data is stored on a platter that is divided into tracks and sectors	5
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(b)	<p><b>Four</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Primary storage is directly accessible by the CPU</li><li>– ... whereas secondary storage is not directly accessible by the CPU</li><li>– Primary storage stores the data that is currently in use/for booting the system</li><li>– ... whereas secondary storage stores <b>user's</b> files/data/operating system/application software</li><li>– Primary storage normally has a small capacity</li><li>– ... whereas secondary storage normally has a larger capacity</li><li>– <b>Some parts</b> of primary storage are volatile</li><li>– ... whereas secondary storage is non volatile</li><li>– <b>Some parts</b> of primary storage the data cannot be changed</li><li>– ... whereas data in secondary storage can be changed</li><li>– Primary storage has faster access speeds to data</li><li>– ... whereas secondary storage has slower access speeds to data</li></ul>	4												

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Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	To store data/files/software <b>permanently</b>	1
(b)	Compact disk (CD) Digital versatile disk (DVD) Blu-ray disk	3
(c)	Any <b>three</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To store data <b>temporarily</b></li> <li>To store data <b>currently in use</b></li> <li>To store software <b>currently in use</b></li> <li>Data can be <b>accessed</b> faster (than secondary storage)</li> <li>To speed up the fetch stage (of the fetch-execute cycle)</li> </ul>	3

Q33)

Question	Answer	Marks
(a)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To store data/files <b>permanently</b></li> <li>... otherwise, data/programs would need to be downloaded/entered/installed every time the computer was used</li> <li>To allow <b>software</b> to be <b>installed</b> on the computer</li> <li>For the creation of <u>virtual memory</u></li> </ul>	2
(b)	Any <b>six</b> from ( <b>Max 3</b> for one type only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid-state has no moving parts</li> <li>... optical does have moving parts</li> <li>Solid-state is faster to <b>access</b> data</li> <li>... optical is slower to <b>access</b> data</li> <li>Solid-state uses less power to operate</li> <li>... optical uses more power to operate</li> <li>Solid-state runs quietly</li> <li>... optical makes more noise</li> <li>Solid state is more durable/robust</li> <li>... optical is less durable/robust</li> <li>Solid state storage has a large storage capacity</li> <li>... optical has a much smaller limit to its storage capacity</li> <li>Solid-state is more expensive <b>per GB</b> of data</li> <li>... optical is cheaper <b>per GB</b> of data</li> <li>Solid-state stores data onto silicon chips/transistors using logic (floating/control/NAND/NOR) gates to control the movement of electrons</li> <li>... optical stores data by using lasers to burning pits and lands onto a disk</li> </ul>	6

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Q35)

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(a)	<b>C</b>	<b>1</b>
(b)	It is directly accessible by the CPU	<b>1</b>

Q36)

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(a)	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touchscreen</li> <li>• Microphone</li> <li>• Sensor // by example</li> <li>• Biometric device</li> <li>• Button</li> <li>• (Digital) camera</li> </ul>	2
(b)	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen</li> <li>• Speaker</li> <li>• LED</li> <li>• Actuator</li> </ul>	2
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(c)(i)	<p>Any <b>two</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To store data/files <b>permanently</b></li> <li>• ... otherwise, data/programs would need to be downloaded/entered/installed every time the smartphone was turned on</li> <li>• To allow <b>software</b> to be downloaded/installed on the smartphone //</li> <li>• To store user files</li> <li>• For the creating of <u>virtual memory</u></li> </ul>	2
(c)(ii)	<p><b>One</b> mark for:</p> <p>Solid state</p> <p>Any <b>Three</b> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is small/thin in size</li> <li>• ... so it would fit easily into the smartphone device</li> <li>• It is lightweight</li> <li>• ... so it wouldn't make the smartphone heavy to carry</li> <li>• It has no moving parts</li> <li>• ... so it would be durable/robust</li> <li>• ... if the smartphone is dropped the data is less likely to be damaged/lost</li> <li>• It has fast read/write speeds</li> <li>• ... so it would be quick to load files/software</li> <li>• It runs at a cool temperature</li> <li>• ... so it wouldn't make the smartphone hot to hold for the user</li> <li>• It doesn't make a lot of noise</li> <li>• ... so it wouldn't ruin the user's experience of listening to music/watching videos</li> <li>• It doesn't require much power</li> <li>• ... so it won't drain the battery</li> <li>• It can have a large storage capacity</li> <li>• ... so can store files that are multimedia</li> </ul>	4

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(a)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touchscreen</li> <li>• Microphone</li> <li>• Button</li> <li>• (Digital) camera</li> <li>• Sensor // by example</li> </ul>	2
(b)	Any <b>one</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen</li> <li>• Speaker</li> <li>• LED</li> <li>• Actuator</li> </ul>	1
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(c)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To <b>store</b> the BIOS</li> <li>• To <b>store</b> the bootstrap</li> <li>• To help start-up the smart watch // to <b>store</b> start-up instructions</li> <li>• To <b>store</b> the firmware</li> <li>• For non-volatile storage // to store data <b>permanently</b></li> <li>• To <b>store data/instructions</b> that <b>should not change</b> (unless needed)</li> </ul>	2
(d)(i)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A collection of servers</li> <li>• Allows access to data remotely // Stores data in a remote location</li> <li>• Hardware can be owned/managed by a third party</li> <li>• Data storage that is stored/accessed using the internet</li> </ul>	2
(d)(ii)	Any <b>four</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No need to maintain the hardware</li> <li>• ... the third party is responsible for maintaining the hardware / security of the data</li> <li>• Resources can be increased / decreased (on demand) // Can have unlimited storage capacity</li> <li>• ... no need to worry about running out of storage space</li> <li>• ... can save cost of <b>purchase of hardware</b></li> <li>• Need less/no (secondary) storage space <b>on the watch</b></li> <li>• ... watch can remain/is small in size</li> <li>• ... costs of watch can be kept lower</li> <li>• Can access the data from <b>other/any devices</b></li> <li>• ... if the watch breaks/is lost data is still available</li> </ul>	4
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(e)	Any <b>two</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The watch can only perform a dedicated/limited functions/tasks</li> <li>• ... and a general purpose computer performs many/multiple functions</li> <li>• ... (this means that) it is an embedded system</li> <li>• You cannot plug in peripherals</li> <li>• You cannot reprogram the smartwatch // Cannot install other software/apps</li> <li>• It would only have a microprocessor // It would not have a CPU</li> </ul>	2

Q38)

Question	Answer	Marks
1.(a)	B	1
2.(b)	<p><b>One</b> mark for correct example. <b>Two</b> marks for matching explanation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RAM</b></li> <li>• To <b>store</b> data/instruction that is <b>currently in use</b></li> <li>• To <b>store</b> software/programs that are <b>currently in use</b></li> <li>• For volatile storage // to store data <b>temporarily</b></li> <li>• To allow data to be <b>accessed</b> directly <b>by the CPU/processor</b> // To allow data to be <b>stored closer</b> to the <b>CPU/processor</b></li> <li>• <b>ROM</b></li> <li>• To <b>store</b> the BIOS</li> <li>• To <b>store</b> the bootstrap/bootloader</li> <li>• To <b>store</b> start-up instructions</li> <li>• To <b>store</b> the firmware</li> <li>• For non-volatile storage // to store data <b>permanently</b></li> <li>• To <b>store data/instructions</b> that <b>should not change</b> (unless needed)</li> <li>• <b>Cache</b></li> <li>• To <b>store frequently</b> used instructions/data</li> <li>• For volatile storage // to store data <b>temporarily</b></li> </ul>	3